Dear Joe, 8/2/91

Thanks for Saffire's interesting column on Angleton and Golitsyn. Too bad so gifted and articulate a man as Saffire is the captive of his strange political beliefs and allows them to determine fact and truth for him when what he wants to believe and say is neither factual nor truthful.

He refers to Yuri Nosenko as the "supposed defector" where what he disclosed to the CIA eliminates all possible doubt. Including the location of about 50 KBG bugs in our embassy.

He disputes the diagnosis that Golitsyn was paranoid -is. All you have to do is read his stuff. Mangold did not use it all. I think he limited himself to what the CIA wanted him to use. Golitsyn is really crazy and he wrote really insane memos.

I think he was told to look me up and persuade me that Nosenko was a phony. In any event a man of his general description started phoning me using the name "Mr. Martin" as soon as I got interested in the Nosenko FBI reports at the Archives and when I was not discussing it with anyone. I also at that time filed a FOIA request with the CIA that it ignored. There came a time he said he wanted to meet me, I invited him up, he did not want to come here, and once when I knew I'd be in Rockville we met there. It was a very large chain hardware store, Hechinger's. I made some purchases, ranging from seed to a trailor for my riding mower. He bought a packet of tomato seed. We had lunch across the street and he spent all his time badmouthing Nosenko.

Frankly, I'm surprised to learn from Saffire that Golitsyn is still on the CIA payroll and that he was awarded our government's Medal for Distinguished Service, in addition to Britain's C.B.E.

Saffire says he is "history's most decorated defector." He is certainly the craziest, the most hurtful and the least dependable. He wrecked the CIA's counterintelligence then and I suspect for years thereafter if not still.

Saffire describes his memos as "anti-conventional." He and they are rabid.

Kennedy's alleged lady friend ~~was~~ who was the "former wife of a C.I.A station chief" was named Meyer. The story is well-known. I think she was the daughter or grand-daughter of Gifford Pinchot, whose ~~wife~~ widow was a customer os ours. I doubt that Angleton searched her quarters in JFK's interest. He more likely had other interests, including anything she had that she'd gotten from her former husband. He could have suspected, as Saffire says, Soviet complicity, natural as it is, but there'd have been no evidence in her home. She was killed on a ~~tw~~ path along the C and O canal when jogging or walking.

If "Mr. Martin" is Golitsyn, the he also is "A Cat Named Gourmand" from his ~~xxxxx~~ rotundity. Saffire's reference to his resemblance to Akim Tamiroff suggests he is.

Thanks and best,

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